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Identical letters dated 3 March 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 3 March 2003 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq on 3 March 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

Group I

1. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. for the Sirat State Company for Trade, where it interviewed the managers of the Company and asked questions about the Company's activities in general, the number of staff it employed and the number of its subsidiaries in Iraq and abroad. It asked whether the Company had contracts with the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) and reviewed the Company's contracts and accounts. At the end of the visit, which lasted five hours, the group returned to the hotel.

Group II

2. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. and travelled to the site of the Mafakhir Company for Commercial Agencies and Exports Ltd. The group met with the manager of the establishment and asked questions about the Company's activities and affiliations, the number of persons it employed, its administrative structure and its main contracts with the Military Industrialization Corporation. The group inspected the various departments of the Company and reviewed its documents and contracts. At the end of the visit, which lasted six hours and fifty minutes, the group returned to the hotel.

Group III

3. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.50 a.m. and conducted a radiation survey of the premises of the MIC-affiliated Ibn Sina Company, using vehicle-mounted equipment designed to detect any trace of radioactivity. The company's entire site and all of its installations were surveyed. At the end of the visit, which lasted three hours, the group returned to the hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

Group I

1. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. for the Aziziyah bomb-destruction site, operated by the Ministry of Defence. It tagged some of the shells, took samples and counted the total number of shells. At the end of the visit, which lasted four hours and forty minutes, the group returned to the hotel.

Group II

2. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. for the Ma Bayn al-Nahrayn State Company for Seeds, which is affiliated with the Ministry of Agriculture. The group met with the manager and asked questions about the Company's history and activities, the number of departments and the main tests carried out on seeds. It asked whether the Company cooperated with other research centres in Iraq. The group then toured the Company's departments and plants. At the end of the visit, which lasted two and a half hours, the group returned to the hotel.

Group III

3. The helicopter carrying the group of four inspectors left the Al-Rashid airport at 7.50 a.m. for the Faculty of Science of the University of Mosul. On arrival, the inspectors met with senior members of the Faculty and asked to be shown the location of various laboratories, the numbers of buildings and the number of students enrolled in advanced courses. They also asked for information about cooperation between the Faculty and other faculties and for the names of the teaching staff. The group then inspected all of the Faculty's laboratories and departments. At the end of the visit, which lasted three hours and forty minutes, the group returned to the hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

Group I

1. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. for the National Company for Chemical and Plastic Industries, a private-sector enterprise. The inspectors met with the managers of the Company and asked questions about the type of goods being produced, the raw materials used, and the various types of metals. The group then inspected the Company's manufacturing and administrative installations. At the end of the visit, which lasted two and a quarter hours, the group returned to the hotel.

Group II

2. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. for the Muthanna site (no longer operational), which is affiliated with MIC, where it destroyed a quantity of mustard gas-filled shells at the site. At the end of the visit, which lasted four hours and forty minutes, the group returned to the hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

Group I

1. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. for the headquarters of the Taji Technical Battalion, where it witnessed the destruction of six Samoud 2 missiles and two warheads of the same missile. At the end of the visit, which lasted five hours, the group returned to the hotel.

Group II

2. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. to inspect the site of the Karamah State Company at Waziriyah and the Ibn Al-Haytham and Samoud factories in order to verify that production of the Samoud 2 missile had stopped and to check the missile systems and parts. At the end of the visit, which lasted three hours, the group returned to the hotel.

Group III

3. The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.50 a.m. for the Ma'moun Factory, belonging to the Rashid State Company, where it witnessed the final stages of the destruction of the first casting chamber and the preparations for the destruction of the second. Some members of the group inspected the Qa'qa State Company to place thermal protective tape on the seals of the Samoud 2 warheads. At the end of the visit, which lasted six hours, the group returned to the hotel.

V. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Baghdad

The group left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 10 a.m. for the Ministry of Defence missile arsenal. They met with the officer in charge and asked questions about the layout of the site, why that type of arsenal was being used, whether there were any connections with civilian entities, whether there was a maintenance unit and how many people were employed. The group then inspected all of the storage facilities in the arsenal. At the end of the visit, which lasted one hour and twenty minutes, the group returned to the hotel.

VI. UNMOVIC joint inspection

Group I

1. The group left the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul at 9 a.m. for the site of the Ramah Company for the Production of Spray Irrigation Systems Ltd., a private-sector firm. It met with the manager and asked questions about the Company's current products, the users of those products, the raw materials used and the suppliers of equipment and machinery. The group then inspected the factory site and the administration buildings. At the end of the visit, which lasted one hour, the group returned to the hotel.

Group II

2. The group left Mosul airport at 10.30 a.m. to travel to Irbil. It returned a short time later, however, having been prevented from entering the city, which is not controlled by the Iraqi authorities.

VII. Interviews

UNMOVIC requested private interviews with two Iraqi specialists in a Baghdad hotel. The National Monitoring Directorate informed the individuals concerned of the venue for the interview and encouraged them to attend. The meetings went ahead as planned.